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Viacom, Turner joint venture 11
Rumors of a joint venture between Viacom and Turner Broadcasting System are flying around Wall Street and Hollywood after Turner's take over bid of MGM/UA and the settlement of the Rainbow suit.

Times Fiber declines offer 15
The Times Fiber Board of Directors has rejected the $145.8 million merger offer from former Chairman Lawrence DeGeorge's LPL Investment Group, as the Times Fiber management group withdraws its competing bid for the company.

CCI closes down 15
After Tele-Communications Inc. and other top MSOs refused to fund the Council for Cable Information's 1986 budget, CCI directors voted to end operations.

FCC under watchful eyes 16
Spurred by last-minute lobbying efforts by several cities, Congressional scrutiny of the FCC is increasing as the regulatory agency appears ready to pre-empt any local regulation of cable technical standards.

Cox chooses M/A-COM 18
As the NCTA ponders which technology it will use for its operator-driven scrambling consortium, Cox Cable Communications, serving 1.45 million subs, is expected to announce this week that it has placed a multi-million dollar order for M/A-COM's "Video-Cipher II" headend descramblers.

Pacific Bell, Viacom test PPV 19
Pacific Bell and Viacom Cable have officially given the green light for a six-month test of the telco's Automatic Number Identification impulse pay-per-view technology in mid-January.

NBC Cable News 26
Only with a "long-term commitment" from the cable industry and a guarantee of 13.5 million subscribers will NBC launch its 24-hour cable news channel, *NBC Cable News* June 1.

New definition 28
The Federal Communications Commission is considering whether or not to revisit its definition of "basic" cable. The NCTA says there is a "lack of urgency" in such a move.

Houston suit 29
Houston Hit Video/TV5 filed a U.S. District Court antitrust lawsuit against the parent organizations of several record companies and Warner Amex's Cable's system in Houston.

TOPICS

Deborah Coe stars in 'Danger Bay.'

Review 36
While The Disney Channel has produced an adventure series for the entire family, substituting violence with "ecological and humanitarian concern," it seems to have omitted any excitement and danger from its *Danger Bay*, according to Reviewer Bob DiMatteo.

Business 50
With its decision to add another 2,000 homes to the 7,000 it already serves in Reston, Va., Warner Amex has reconfirmed its commitment to serve the Washington, D.C. suburb despite the Fairfax County franchise grant to Media General Cable. Also, ABC Video Enterprises reports its first quarterly profit.

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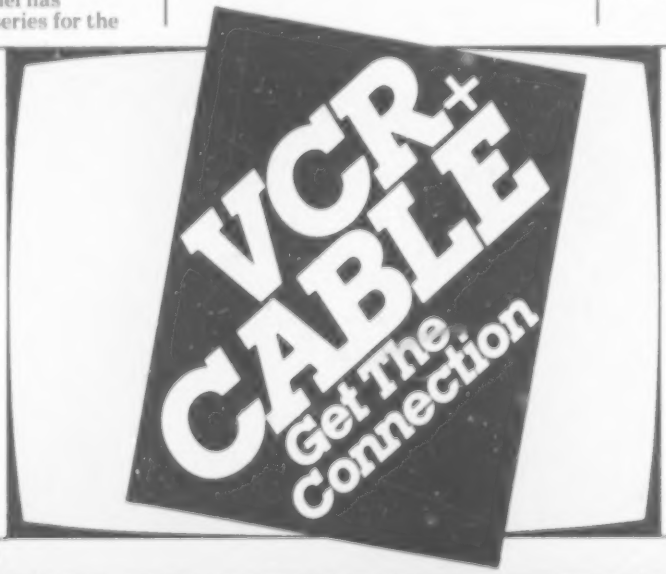

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The cliche "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em" suits the MSOs' new attitude toward the threatening VCR, as they surrender to the inevitable permanence of the fixture and begin launching campaigns designed to encourage subs to see the compatibility of cable and VCRs.

CABLE STATS

Film product comparison—November

Film	Pay Networks					Distributor
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn		ST	TMC		MAX*	Transcom
All the President's Men	HBO*		(TMC)			Warner Bros.
All the Right Moves	(HBO)		TMC		(MAX)	20th Century-Fox
Alphabet City	HBO				(MAX)	Atlantic TV
American Hot Wax			TMC*			Paramount
An American Werewolf In London			TMC			King Features
The Andersonville Trial				HTN*		Ten
A Nos Amours					MAX	Columbia
Apocalypse Now		(ST)	(TMC)		MAX*	MGM/UA
Arabian Adventure					MAX	AFD
Asphalt Jungle, The					MAX	MGM/UA
Auntie Mame					MAX	Warner Bros.
Bachelor Party	(HBO)	(ST)	(TMC)		MAX*	20th Century-Fox
Back to Bataan					MAX	RKO
Badlanders, The		ST				MGM/UA
Battle Beyond The Stars			TMC*			Viacom
Beau Brummel					MAX	MGM/UA
Benji			TMC		(MAX)	Viacom
Beyond The Reef	HBO					Dino de Laurentiis
Big Bounce, The				HTN	(MAX)	Warner Bros.
A Big Hand For The Little Lady			(TMC)	HTN	(MAX)	Warner Bros.
Bill Cosby "Himself"					MAX	20th Century-Fox
Black Beauty		(ST)	TMC			Paramount
Blame It On Rio	HBO*					20th Century-Fox
Blithe Spirit			TMC*			New Century
Blues Brothers, The		ST			(MAX)	Universal
Boarding School					MAX	Atlantic
Body Double	HBO				MAX	Columbia
Bolero					MAX	Cannon
Breach of Contract			TMC			Atlantic TV
Breaker Morant			TMC			Castle Hill
Brother From Another Planet, The			TMC*		(MAX)	Film Gallery
Buckstone County Prison			TMC			Viacom
Buddy System, The	(HBO)	(ST)		HTN*	(MAX)	20th Century-Fox
Bustin Loose		ST*			(MAX)	Universal
Cannonball Run					MAX	Galaxy
Cannonball Run II	(HBO)	(ST)	(TMC)	HTN	(MAX)	Warner Bros.
Casey's Shadow	HBO					Columbia
Chained Heat			TMC*			Movie Store
Champ, The					MAX	MGM/UA
Cheech & Chong's The Corsican Brothers	HBO				(MAX)	Orion
City Heat	HBO	ST	TMC		MAX	Warner Bros.
City On Fire					MAX	Int. Films
Cloak & Dagger	(HBO)	(ST)	(TMC)	(HTN)	MAX	Universal
Coal Miner's Daughter				HTN		Universal
Cold Feet				HTN		Film Gallery
Conan the Destroyer					MAX	Universal
Crimes of Passion		ST				New World
Cross Creek	HBO*			(HTN)		Thorn EMI
Deadly Force	HBO		TMC		(MAX)	Embassy
Dead Zone, The		(ST)	TMC			Paramount
Deep, The	HBO					Columbia

Paul Muni stars in 'Scarface' (1932 version).

Film	Pay Networks					Distributor
Deep In My Heart		ST				MGM/UA
Double Man, The				HTN		Warner Bros.
Dune	HBO	ST	TMC			Universal
Echoes Of A Summer			(TMC)	HTN	(MAX)	MGM/UA
Eddie and the Cruisers	HBO			(HTN)	(MAX)	Embassy
Eddie Macon's Run	(HBO)	(ST)	TMC*	HTN*	(MAX)	Universal
Electric Dreams	(HBO)		(TMC)	(HTN)	MAX	MGM/UA
Escape 2000		ST				New World
Extraordinary Seaman, The		ST				MGM/UA
Fade to Black			TMC			Compass
Fanny and Alexander	HBO					Embassy
Firstborn		ST*				Paramount
Footloose			TMC			Paramount
Formula, The			TMC			MGM/UA
Fort Apache					MAX	RKO
Fort Apache, The Bronx	HBO				MAX	RKO
French Woman, The					MAX	Film Gallery
From Here To Eternity	HBO*					Columbia
Fury, The					MAX	20th Century-Fox
Gallipoli			TMC			Paramount
Garbo Talks		ST				MGM/UA
Gift of Love, The					MAX*	TLF
Give My Regards To Broad Street	HBO*	(ST)				20th Century-Fox
Goin All The Way		ST*			(MAX)	Shapiro
Goin South			TMC			Paramount
Golden Seal, The	(HBO)	ST				S. Goldwyn
Gorky Park	HBO				(MAX)	Orion
Greystoke	(HBO)	(ST)	(TMC)		MAX	Warner Bros.
Hanna K		ST*				Universal
Hardbodies	(HBO)				MAX	Columbia
Hard to Hold			(TMC)	HTN	MAX	Universal
Harry O			TMC	HTN		Warner Bros.
Heidi		ST				20th Century-Fox
Hemingway Play, The				HTN*		TEN
Highpoint	(HBO)			(HTN)	MAX	New World
Hobson's Choice			TMC			New Century
Hollywood Knights, The	HBO					Columbia
Hooper			TMC*		(MAX)	Warner Bros.
Hot Dog The Movie	HBO				(MAX)	MGM/UA
Hot Stuff	HBO*			(HTN)		Columbia
House on Sorority Row				HTN		Film Ventures
How Sweet It Is				HTN		Warner Bros.
Iceman		ST		(HTN)	(MAX)	Universal
If Ever I See You Again	HBO					Columbia
If You Could See What I Hear	(HBO)	(ST)	TMC		(MAX)	The Movie Store
Incubus		ST				Film Ventures
In Love W An Older Woman	HBO					Viacom
Innocents Abroad			TMC			Transcom
Jerk, The		ST				Universal
Joy of Sex, The			TMC*			Paramount
Just The Way You Are				HTN		MGM/UA
La Balance			TMC			RLR Associates
La Cage Aux Folles					MAX	MGM/UA
Lady Chatterley's Lover		ST				Viacom
Lady Killer, The			TMC			New Century
Last American Virgin, The			TMC		MAX	Viacom
Last Embrace		(ST)			MAX	MGM/UA
Last of Mrs. Lincoln, The				HTN		TEN
Last Starfighter, The	(HBO)	(ST)	(TMC)	HTN*	(MAX)	Universal
Last Warrior, The				HTN		Warner Bros.
Life of Riley, The	(HBO)			HTN*		Universal
Life On The Mississippi			TMC		MAX	Transcom
Little Drummer Girl, The	HBO	ST	TMC			Warner Bros.
Mae West	HBO					King Features
Man In The Wilderness				HTN		Warner Bros.
Man Who Loved Women, The	HBO					Columbia
Masquerader, The		ST				Goldwyn Classics
Max Dugan Returns					MAX*	20th Century-Fox
Meatballs Part II	HBO					Tri Star
Merry Christmas Mr. Lawrence		ST	(TMC)		MAX	Universal
Mikey & Nicky			TMC			Paramount
My Favorite Year	HBO	(ST)				MGM/UA
Mysterious Stranger, The			TMC		MAX	Great Amwell
Napoleon				HTN	(MAX)	Universal
Nate & Hayes			TMC			Paramount
Neverending Story, The	(HBO)	(ST)	TMC*	HTN	(MAX)	Warner Bros.
Nightwing					MAX	Columbia
No Big Deal	(HBO)		TMC			Film Gallery
North Dallas 40			TMC			Paramount
Not For Publication	HBO					Thorn EMI
Of Unknown Origin			TMC		MAX	Warner Bros.
Oh God! You Devil	HBO	ST	TMC			Warner Bros.
Old Gun, The			TMC*			Dohaney Prod.

Mariel Hemingway stars in 'Star '80'

Merly Streep stars in 'Silkwood'

Film	Pay Networks					Distributor
Omega Man, The			(TMC)		MAX	Warner Bros.
On Golden Pond	(HBO)				MAX	ITC
On the Town					MAX	MGM/UA
On the Waterfront					MAX	Columbia
Osterman Weekend, The	HBO	(ST)				20th Century-Fox
Othello				HTN		Warner Bros.
Oxford Blues	(HBO)	(ST)	(TMC)	(HTN)	MAX	MGM/UA
Painted Hills, The			TMC*			MGM/UA
Panda's Adventures				HTN		Turner Pro. Serv.
Paris, Texas			TMC			20th Century-Fox
Partners			TMC			Paramount
Phar Lap	HBO		TMC*		(MAX)	20th Century-Fox
Philadelphia Experiment, The	HBO				(MAX)	New World
Places In The Heart	HBO					Tri Star
Police Academy	HBO*	(ST)	(TMC)		(MAX)	Warner Bros.
Pope of Greenwich Village, The	(HBO)	(ST)	(TMC)		MAX	MGM/UA
Prince and the Pauper, The		ST	(TMC)			Tri Star
Private Eyes, The	HBO				(MAX)	Private Eyes Part.
Private School	(HBO)	(ST)	TMC		(MAX)	Universal
Puddinhead Wilson		(ST)			MAX	Transcom
Purple Haze			TMC		MAX	Columbia
Purple Hearts	HBO*		(TMC)		(MAX)	Warner Bros.
Q		(ST)	TMC*			UFD
Question of Honor, A			TMC			Viacom
Race for the Yankee Zephyr	HBO		(TMC)	(HTN)	(MAX)	Hemdale
Raiders of the Lost Ark			(TMC)	(HTN)	MAX*	Paramount
Raw Courage			TMC			New World
Razor's Edge, The	HBO					Columbia
Reunion at Fairborough	HBO*					Hemdale
Revenge of the Pink Panther					MAX	MGM/UA
Rhinestone	(HBO)	ST*	(TMC)		(MAX)	20th Century-Fox
Rose, The			TMC			20th Century-Fox
Running Brave	(HBO)		TMC*	(HTN)		Touchstone
Sakharov	HBO					Titus Prod.
Saturday Night Fever	HBO	ST	TMC			Paramount
Scarface (1932)		(ST)		HTN		Universal
Seargent, The					MAX	Warner Bros.
She					MAX	American National
She Wore a Yellow Ribbon					MAX	RKO
Silkwood	HBO*	(ST)				ABC Motion Pictures
Sixteen Candles	(HBO)	ST	(TMC)	(HTN)	MAX*	Universal
Skokie		ST				King Features
Slap Shot			(TMC)		MAX	Universal
Soggy Bottom USA				HTN	(MAX)	Barnholtz Org.
Something Wicked This Way Comes	HBO*	(ST)	(TMC)	(HTN)		Disney
Songwriter					MAX	Tri-Star
Son of Kong					MAX	RKO
Space Raiders	(HBO)	ST	(TMC)			New Horizons
Splash	(HBO)	(ST)		(HTN)	MAX*	Disney
Squizzy Taylor			TMC			Satori
Star '80	(HBO)		TMC			Warner Bros.
Star Trek III		(ST)	TMC			Paramount
Staying Alive		(ST)	TMC*			Paramount
Streets of Fire	(HBO)			HTN*	MAX*	Universal
The Strip		ST				MGM/UA
Stuck on You		ST*				Troma
The Stud		ST*				Telepictures
Sudden Impact	HBO*	ST	TMC		(MAX)	Warner Bros.
Supergirl	HBO				MAX	Tri Star
Talk to Me			TMC		MAX	Columbia
Tall in the Saddle					MAX	RKO
Tender Cousins		(ST)			MAX	Crown
Tex			(TMC)	HTN*	(MAX)	Buena Vista
These Three		ST				Goldwyn Classics
Three Little Words		ST		(HTN)		MGM
Tigers In Lipstick		ST			MAX	Castle Hill
Tightrope	(HBO)	(ST)	TMC*		(MAX)	Warner Bros.
To Be Or Not To Be	HBO			(HTN)	(MAX)	20th Century-Fox
Tom Sawyer			(TMC)		MAX*	MGM/UA
Too Scared To Scream	HBO					The Movie Store
Trading Places		ST	(TMC)			Paramount
Trial		ST				MGM/UA
The Trouble with Harry		ST	(TMC)	HTN*		Universal
Twice Told Tales		ST		(HTN)		MGM/UA
Two of a Kind	(HBO)		TMC	HTN*		20th Century-Fox
Two Weeks In Another Town			TMC			MGM/UA
Up the Creek	(HBO)				MAX*	Orion
Videodrome		ST			(MAX)	Universal
Vengeance Valley		ST				MGM/UA
Waitress!			TMC*			Troma
Warrior of the Lost World						American National
Wavelength		ST			(MAX)	New World
Way Out West			TMC*		(MAX)	Hal Roach
Weekend Pass		ST*				Crown
Where the Boys Are (1984)	(HBO)				MAX*	Tri-Star
Without Warning					MAX	Heritage
Yentl			TMC		(MAX)	MGM/UA
Zelig	HBO*		(TMC)	HTN*		Orion/W.B.

Cable Network Legend:
HBO-Home Box Office
ST-Showtime
TMC-The Movie Channel
HTN-Home Theater Network
MAX-Cinemax

- Networks in parentheses indicate carriage in June, July, August, September and or October.
- An asterisk indicates the film is a carry-over from June, July, August, September and or October.
- In total, 223 films appear on the November schedules of Home Box Office, Showtime, The Movie Channel, Home Theater Network and Cinemax. Of those titles, during the last six months, seven films have played on all five services, 15 films have played on four of the five services, 25 films have played on three services and 62 films on two services. One hundred and fourteen were unduplicated.
- The motion picture distributor with the most titles on pay TV this month is MGM/UA with 29, followed by Warner Bros with 25, Universal with 22, and Paramount with 17.